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OF FEMALE URINARY INCONTINENCE: TENSION-FREE
INSIDE-OUT TRANSOBTURATOR URETHRAL SUSPENSION

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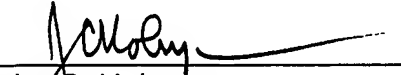
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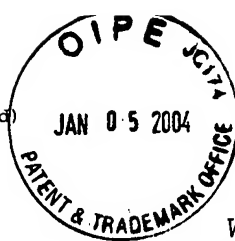
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